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Expenditure on certain high schools.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon. Member Sri T. S. Ramaswami who gave notice of question No. 1249 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the Official Proceedings.

* 1249 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total annual expenditure of the Government (i) for running the S.L.B. High School, Nagercoil, (ii) for various financial aids to the Hindu High School, Triplicane, and (iii) for financial grants to the S.M.S.M. English High School, Suchindram, during the last academic year?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—

(i) Rs. 1,11,467 only.

(ii) Rs. 1,12,299 only.

(iii) Rs. 65,644 only.

Grand Anicut Canal

* 1250 *Q.*—Sri M. K. SOMASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri R. SRINIVASA IYER) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how far the work of lining of the Grand Anicut Canal has progressed and what cost has been incurred so far in this connection;

(*b*) what length of canal remains to be lined; and

(*c*) when the work is likely to be completed?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) The Grand Anicut Canal has been lined to a length of 4,196 feet and an expenditure of Rs. 2,26,682·45 has been incurred on this work so far.

(*b*) A length of 1,300 feet is yet to be lined.

(*c*) The work is likely to be completed during the current year.

Welcome to Foreign Dignitaries

*** 1251 *Q.*—Sri N. R. THIAGARAJAN :** கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வெளிநாட்டு அரசர், அரசி, ஜனாதிபதி, முதலமைச்சர்கள் நமது தமிழ் ராஜ்யத்திற்கு வரும்போது வரவேற்க அனுஷ்டிக்கும் முறைகள் என்ன ?

(இ) இதில் எம். எல். ஏ. க்களுக்கு காட்டும் அந்தஸ்து என்ன ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (அ) The Government have drawn up a list of persons who should be presented to the visiting Foreign Heads of States and Prime Ministers at the time of arrival **and departure.**

(இ) Members of the Legislative Assembly representing City Constituencies have been included in this list. When the Legislature is in session, all legislators are invited for some suitable function in connection with the visit.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : As elected representatives of the people, will the Government consider the desirability of giving a more honoured place to the Members of the Legislature in public functions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I think they are being given an honoured place and they are entitled to an honoured place in such functions. But, it is a question of convenience with reference to the visiting dignitaries. If 250 Members of the Assembly and also the Members of the Council making a total of about 300 Members are to be introduced to the visiting dignitaries, certainly, it will not mean introduction and it will merely the strain on the visiting dignitaries and will be quite unnecessary also. That is why, in the matter of introduction of Members of the Legislature to the visiting dignitaries, there has got to be some restriction on some basis.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk * at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *re* HUNGER STRIKE BY HARIJAN STUDENTS OF M. C. RAJA STUDENTS' HOSTEL.

9-00 a.m.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri V. K. Kothandaraman has given notice of an adjournment motion to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the failure of the Government to prevent the hunger strike by the Harijan students of M. C. Raja Students' Hostel, and the situation arising out of it.

Hunger strike cannot form the subject-matter of an adjournment motion. The hon. Member may put a short notice question, if he wants. The motion is therefore disallowed.

The Hon. Member, Sri K. R. Nallasivam has given notice of another adjournment motion. But, as the hon. Member is not in his seat, it is deemed not to have been moved.

IV.—POINT OF INFORMATION *re* TAMIL NATIONAL PARTY.

SRI J. MATHA GOWDER : ஸார், இந்த மன்றத்திலே புதிதாக "தமிழ் தேசியக் கட்சி" என்று ஒரு கட்சி ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறதா? அப்படி ஒரு கட்சி ஏற்பட்டிருந்தால், எந்தக் கட்சி இந்த மன்றத்திலே தேய்ந்து போய் இருக்கிறது என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.